

TAMMANY ALARMED BY SULZER'S THREAT

Talk of Jamming Through Blauvelt Bill Simmers Down to Suggestions of Compromise.

MURPHY TO HEAR AIDS

O'Gorman Denies Visit to Organization Leader and Resents Intimation That He Will Fight Polk for Collector.

Charles F. Murphy, already worried by the actions of Governor Sulzer, was actually alarmed last night when he heard of the appeal the Governor had made to the upstate organizations to support his direct primary bill. The appeal, accompanied by the threat that the Governor would be against any organization that did not help him in passing his measure, spelled serious trouble for the Tammany leader, who for some years has practically dictated the action of the state organization.

The Governor has the patronage. Tammany has none. It is a good bet that some of the upstate Democrats will desert the Tammany banner in order that their own interests may be cared for by the Governor. The talk of Friday that it might be wise to try to jam the Blauvelt bill through the Legislature over the Governor's veto suggested down yesterday to a serious suggestion that the Blauvelt bill be amended to include some of the provisions for which the Governor is standing.

However, the Governor has stated that he wants all his bill or none. Just how many of the features recommended by him would be considered as satisfactory in making a compromise is a question. It is understood that one of the Senators was directed to sound the Governor on that point.

Murphy is not so sure that he can force the Blauvelt measure through over the veto of the Governor, although he has told friends that he might get some of the Republicans to assist him in such an effort. However, it is not likely that the Republicans would dare assist in repealing the Blauvelt bill, as they have already conceded that the present law should be amended much more extensively than is done in the Blauvelt bill.

If the Democratic leaders should decide to amend the bill to include the suggestions of the Republicans the latter, Murphy's advisers tell him, would have no reasonable excuse for not voting for it. If so, they might be able to pass such a measure, even if Governor Sulzer should veto it on the first passage.

Murphy will have a talk with Senator Wagner, Senator Foley, Assemblyman Smith and other legislative leaders before they go back to Albany. That meeting may take place to-day, although it was denied yesterday that any formal conference had been arranged.

Senator O'Gorman declared emphatically last night that he had not seen Mr. Murphy and had no intention of seeing him while here. He resented the intimation that if Frank L. Polk was named for Collector of the Port he would fight his confirmation in the interest of Tammany Hall.

"The younger and more inexperienced reporter the more he seems to be impressed with the necessity of connecting my name with the activities of Tammany Hall," said the Senator. "I have seen Mr. Murphy only about four times in the last two years. Any statement that I am to have any conference with Mr. Murphy is absolutely untrue. I came over from Washington on strictly private business, and have been attending to it all day."

The fact that Senator O'Gorman shows no disposition to put up a strenuous fight for the recognition by the President of the Tammany organization in the making of appointments is another thing that is causing the leader of Tammany Hall considerable worry.

MONOPOLY A DEAD LETTER

Exclusion Clause Never Heeded, Says Harvester Agent.

Kansas City, Mo., April 25.—The taking of testimony at Kansas City in the government anti-trust proceedings against the International Harvester Company closed to-day. The next hearing will be at Sioux Falls, S. D., where testimony on competition in the sale of agricultural implements will be adduced.

At the hearing here T. E. Donnellan, general agent for the International Harvester Company at Topeka, testified that in his five years' service he had never spoken to an implement agent about the handling of International goods to the exclusion of those manufactured by any other company. He declared, however, that he knew a clause covering this point was contained at one time in contracts which agents had signed for him.

"So far as I can remember," said Mr. Donnellan, "no mention of enforcing the clause ever was made to me by any of my superiors. Contracts of nearly every other harvester company contain a similar clause, but I do not believe any of the dealers paid the slightest attention to it."

PREDICTS WIRELESS TIE-UP

Organizer Says Transatlantic Operators Will Join Strike.

R. F. Shrimpton, organizer of the wireless division of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union, said last night that a strike of wireless telegraphers was impending on three hundred transatlantic and coastwise steamers, as a result of the strike of wireless operators on the Pacific Coast. The grievances are similar in both cases. The wages paid, Shrimpton said, were not adequate, compared with the responsibility.

In the English service, according to Shrimpton, temporary licenses are issued to men with mechanical skill who are not skilled operators, and the Marconi company is trying to introduce such a system in this country. In the case of a calamity like the Titanic disaster, he said, a skilled operator was a safer man to have on hand than a man with merely mechanical skill.

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BLIND TRAIN FOR TRACK MEET

Both Boys and Girls in Half Dozen or More States Are Preparing for Annual Sports To Be Held Next Month.

Philadelphia, April 25.—Athletes in institutions for the instruction of the blind in more than half a dozen states are in training for the annual track and field sports next month. The sports in which girls will compete will be held at the several institutions on May 19, and those for boys will be held on May 17.

The blind athletes at each institution will be divided into four classes, according to age. The average time made by

each class in the races and the average distance made in the jumping and other field events will be mailed to a central point. The class showing the best average will be the champion.

The averages for the girls will be mailed to the president of the National Athletic Association of Institutions for the Instruction of the Blind at Overbrook, Penn., and the averages for the boys will be sent to the secretary of the association at the School for the Blind in St. Louis.

SULZER DEFIES PARTY ENEMIES

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the committee of the various speakers. It was plain they had no sympathy for it.

The "boilerplate" literature and appealing telegrams sent out from the executive chamber brought a large number of direct primary advocates from all parts of the state to attend the hearing. Governor Sulzer did not appear before the committee, as had been expected, but expressed his sentiments at the meeting of the Democratic county chairmen, of whom about fifty-one were present, in the executive chamber before the hearing.

Threatens County Chairmen.

After recalling the party's pledges and his promises for direct primaries, Governor Sulzer said to the chairmen:

"If any Democrat in this state is against the Democratic state platform that man is no Democrat; and as the Democratic Governor of the state I shall do everything in my power to drive that recreant Democrat out of the Democratic party."

"That is all there is to this matter. Let no man misunderstand me. I believe in calling a spade a spade. I believe in telling the truth. I am making war on no true Democrat. I want to treat every Democrat fair and square and just and right. I am a Democrat through and through, but I do not want any Democrat to make war on me. If any Democrat in the state tries to make war on me I shall fight him to the end and if necessary summon the party leaders of the state to decide between that man and me, to determine who is honest and who is right."

"I know and you know that the electors of the State of New York, regardless of party affiliations, are in favor of state-wide direct primaries. If that question were submitted to the people in any Assembly district in this state it would be carried overwhelmingly for state-wide direct primaries."

"The Democratic party in the State of New York has now a great opportunity. I want it to make good and keep faith with the voters. Is that too much for a Democratic Governor to ask of the Democratic party? All I want is to have the party in which I was born and in which I am going to die—the party of my father and the party of my hopes and my ambitions and my aspirations—to be true to itself, true to its promises and true to its principles."

"What Democrat would have me be false? If there be such let him come forward now or forever hold his peace. The Governor here at this desk is the visible government. His administration is open and above board. Against great difficulties and many obstacles this Governor is trying to do his duty to all as God gives him the light to see the right."

Gratitude or Enmity.

"Rest assured that those who help me will win my everlasting gratitude; but those who oppose me will merit my enmity and Democratic condemnation. Every Democratic chairman of every Democratic committee in every county of the state must now decide whether or not he is going to be with me or going to be against me in trying to carry out our platform pledges and to make good our political promises. If he is with me I will be with him. If he is against me—mark well what I say now—I shall be against him. He must either be a party to driving me out of public life or I must be a party to driving him out of the Democratic party."

"No man fears direct primaries except a man whose character and whose ability and whose mentality and whose democracy does not bear the searchlight of publicity. No man fears direct primaries unless he would rather be the creature of the invisible government than the servant of the people."

"Our state-wide direct primary bill is a good measure. I am for it. My friends are for it. My party is for it. On this issue there is no middle ground. The Democrats of the state have got to be with their Democratic Governor or they have got to be against him. Let every Democrat decide. All my life I have fought for the right, for the truth, for justice, for progress and for humanity. I shall not change now."

"What Democrat in our state is going to be a traitor and desert me? In this cause for direct primaries I have no fear of the ultimate result. We will win. I say deliberately to you Democrats that you have got to like up your representatives in the Legislature to pass this honest, just and fair, state-wide direct primary bill to keep our pledges, or I will line up the people against you and your representatives for your failure to be true to our platform."

"If you think I will not fight you have another big thing coming. If you imagine that I do not know the rules of the game, remember I have been in the game all my life. They beat Governor Hughes, but I am determined they shall not beat Governor Sulzer."

"Let me say, if the friends of this reform cannot write this state-wide direct primary law upon the statute books of our state before the 31st day of next December, I do not know the power behind

this desk. If we fall in this fight it will be due to the fact that I do not realize what the constitution says concerning the agencies of the executive. All of that power, all that is honest and all good agencies will be used by me from now on to defeat and to crush the Democrats who would make the Democratic party of the State of New York the laughing stock of the people; who would make the Democratic party of the State of New York a political hypocrite and a political liar."

"This is an historic day in the annals of our state. This is a memorable scene, seldom if ever witnessed in this executive chamber. Some may criticize me for doing what I am doing. I cannot help that. I know I am doing my duty. I will submit patiently to that unjust criticism. But I know—and no one on earth knows better—that in the last analysis, when the future historian comes to pen the story of this day, he will give a large place in our annals to the men who assembled here with determination in their hearts to see to it that their representatives in the Legislature are not false to their pledges, not false to their party, not false to Democracy and not false to the people."

George C. Palmer, the Tammanyized chairman of the Democratic State Committee, who is scheduled to be named by Sulzer for upstate Public Service Commissioner, was in and out of the Executive Chamber during the meeting of the county chairmen. He was extremely nervous. In fact he is in an embarrassing position, not knowing whether to come out for the Governor or not. In the effort to get the \$15,000-a-year job he has the Governor to reckon with on the one hand and the Tammany Senate on the other.

Governor Sulzer continued to-day to give out telegrams and letters endorsing his direct primary bill, but he did not give out one letter which, it has been learned, he received from E. A. Galt, publisher of "The Catskill Enterprise." Mr. Galt declared the direct primary bill was a fake and a humbug, and that there is no demand for it in Greene County or any other part of the state where he had been.

Roosevelt for Sulzer's Bill.

One of the telegrams made public was from Theodore Roosevelt, who said: "Your letter and telegram just received. Believe me it is with most sincere regret that I find myself unable to come and speak for the direct primary bill, which, as I understand it, contains the essential features of the bill drawn by ex-Senator Davenport."

"It is the duty of all good citizens in this state to sustain you and aid you in any possible way to secure the enactment of this primary law at the present session of the Legislature. Only by direct primary legislation can we make the people really masters of their own party organization, and unless they can thus master their own party organization, they have no real control of the government, and it is as great an offense against the people to control their own parties, as to control them out of the right to have their choice expressed at the polls. I trust all good citizens will rally behind you in the effort to secure this primary legislation."

It had been reported that Governor Sulzer had also received telegrams from President Wilson and Secretary of State Bryan. He would neither affirm nor deny it.

"Possibly they were not given out because they were among those telegrams which do not approve of the Governor's course," remarked an Executive Chamber frequenter.

Resolutions were adopted endorsing the Governor's bill and recommending its passage, and also calling on the Senate for the immediate confirmation of Governor Sulzer's nomination of John N. Carlisle, of Watertown, as State Commissioner of Highways.

The resolution on the primary bill was opposed by James D. Bell, of Kings, and Michael J. Walsh, of Westchester, on the ground that it was an interference with the functions of the Legislature.

The hearing on the direct primary bill before the Judiciary Committee lasted until nearly 8 o'clock, and long before that time only a mere handful of persons were left in the Executive Chamber.

Among the speakers were Judge William B. Wadhams, president of the New York State Direct Primary Association; Canon Chase, of Brooklyn, and ex-Senator Davenport, now a Progressive. They all endorsed the Governor's bill, but in answer to questions from members of the committee they agreed that it was a mistake to cut out of it the provision for committee designation of party candidates.

109 INSURANCE CO.'S SUED

Accused of Combining to Withdraw from Missouri.

Jefferson City, Mo., April 25.—Attorney General Barker filed in the Supreme Court to-day quo warranto proceedings against 109 fire insurance companies, belonging to the Western Insurance Union, on the charge of violating the anti-trust law in combining to withdraw from the state. He asked that the companies be fined.

The information charges that the companies have entered into an unlawful combination to refuse to write insurance in Missouri, thus leaving the people of the state without adequate insurance protection, and to cancel policies heretofore written, which would cause a financial calamity.

A similar suit may be filed in a few days against the companies in the Western Insurance Bureau. The Attorney General intimated that he might seek indictments against the chief officers of the insurance companies. Violation of the anti-trust law is an extraditable offense.

MISS STRACHAN AT BAY

Gives Critics a Sharp Answer at Women Teachers' Dinner.

ADMITS SHE'S AMBITIOUS

Urges a 5 Per Cent 'Leaven' of Non-College Graduates Among Superintendents.

Miss Grace C. Strachan, who presided last night at the seventh annual dinner of the Interborough Association of Women Teachers at the Waldorf-Astoria, devoted her address to a reply to those who had recently criticized her in the press and elsewhere. She declared she was proud of being called ambitious, and said she believed it a good thing that at least 5 per cent of the school superintendents should, like herself, not be college graduates.

"I have already begun a suit for damages against one newspaper which has assailed me," said Miss Strachan, "and I am contemplating others. I understand that some people have considered it improper to come to this dinner to-night. One member of the Board of Education refused to come because he read an editorial attacking me."

"I am called ambitious. I plead guilty to the charge. I hope all teachers will be ambitious. I am not a college graduate, though I was graduated from the Buffalo Normal School with honors. I think it well, however, that as the city has given a committee of college graduates \$100,000 to investigate our schools and this committee has reported, criticizing our system as rigid and non-progressive, at least 5 per cent of our superintendents should belong to a class that is not represented in that committee, but a class to which at least 50 per cent of our children belong."

Among the guests of honor were Thomas W. Churchill, chairman of the School Board; James A. Foley, Monsignor Leavelle and Rhinelandt Waldo. Each dinner was presented with a book of songs, most of which were dedicated either to the late Patrick McCarren, to the late Thomas Grady or to Miss Strachan herself.

AGAINST LONG EXTENSION

McReynolds Issues Statement in Pacific Dissolution Case.

Washington, April 25.—Attorney General McReynolds to-day told the Supreme Court that an extension of time to July 1 for dissolving the Union Pacific-Southern Pacific merger might be greatly to the public interest, but he "emphatically" opposed an extension beyond that date or the granting of discretionary power to the lower court to extend the time.

The Attorney General's position was stated in a brief in reply to the request of the Union Pacific attorneys for modification of the mandate so as to authorize the lower court to extend the time for submission of a plan of dissolution. The Attorney General expressed no opinion on whether the Supreme Court had jurisdiction to grant the extension, and added:

"Among other things such an extension, possibly, may result in bringing about a state of affairs which will render unnecessary certain troublesome litigation now in contemplation."

HATFIELD ANSWERS MINERS

West Virginia Governor Can't Settle Discrimination Issue.

Charleston, W. Va., April 25.—Governor H. D. Hatfield, with whom officials of the miners' organization held a conference to-day to get an interpretation of the discrimination clause in the proposal of the Executive for a settlement of the strike on Paint and Cabin creeks, declared the matter of discrimination for or against union men was between the employer and the employee and was beyond his control.

The Governor took the view that the strike of the miners is settled, and expects the strikers to return to work on Monday. He announced that on that day he expects to remove the troops and restore civil law.

It was expected that the miners would give out a statement as soon as the Governor replied to them regarding the discrimination clause. They have not, however, thus far taken any action.

SET OIL-SOAKED MAN AFIRE

Strangers Commit Mysterious Outrage on Farm Hand.

Youngstown, Ohio, April 25.—While James Tuttle, a farm hand on the Perkins place, near Kinsman, was making a short cut through a strip of woods, returning from the village last evening with a can of oil, he was set upon by two unknown men, who poured the oil over his clothing and set it afire.

Robbery was not the motive, as nothing was taken from Tuttle, who was sent to the Warren Hospital in a critical condition from terrible burns.

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MAY "ELIMINATE" HUERTA

Carranza, Rebel Leader, Hears of Capital Plot.

Eagle Pass, Tex., April 25.—Revolutionists in Piedras Negras, the Mexican town opposite Eagle Pass, drew to-day from Luis Saldana, a prisoner, what purports to be a plan for the immediate "elimination" of President Huerta of Mexico and the choice of a new executive. Prominent politicians, he said, are engineering the plan.

Saldana earlier this week approached Governor Carranza, leader of the revolutionists, with a peace proposal. He produced no credentials, and Carranza ordered his arrest. To-day Saldana's personal effects were searched, and a letter was found signed with the name of the Minister of War, Mondragon, and empowering the bearer to undertake a "patriotic mission," not specified.

Saldana declared he had been authorized by Mondragon, Felix Diaz and General Blanquet to arrange peace terms with Carranza. Saldana says his instructions were to offer Carranza security in his office as Governor of Coahuila and the command of all the government forces in the north. Huerta was to be "eliminated," but by what means had not been determined, and Carranza was to name a provisional President, preferably Francisco de la Barra, who would re-establish peace and permanent government.

Saldana still is in jail. Carranza refuses to discuss his arrest or his mission.

MEXICAN PURCHASE "ROT"

Officials Ridicule Story That U. S. Will Buy Territory.

[From The Tribune Bureau.] Washington, April 25.—Both the White House and the State Department the story published in a New York evening newspaper that the United States is negotiating for the purchase of a large part of the republic of Mexico is denounced as "preposterous rot."

It is pointed out that not only does the constitution of Mexico prohibit the cession of any of its territory, but the Washington administration could not carry out any such deal without the consent of Congress, and it is certain Congress has not been asked to authorize any transaction of that character.

The published story was that the United States was planning to buy, through Speyer & Co., all of Mexico lying north of the twenty-sixth parallel of north latitude and the whole of Lower California for \$50,000,000.

The Tribune received last evening from E. Martinez Sobral, the Mexican Consul General in this city, a letter in which he says:

"In one of this evening's papers I have read a long article containing, in short, the news that Mexico is planning to sell Lower California and the northern states of our republic to Messrs. Speyer & Co., who, in turn, will sell that vast tract of land to the United States, Mexico receiving as the price for this tract the sum of \$50,000,000."

"This information is preposterous and absurd beyond expression."

"Nobody in Mexico is planning to make such a bargain with Speyer & Co., or with any one whatsoever. The integrity of our national territory is one of our most beloved ideals, and no consideration of money, or any other, could be large enough to decide any Mexican to consent to the sale of the slightest particle of our Fatherland."

HAZY ABOUT CENTRAL PARK

Unknown to Many City Boys Outside of Walking Radius.

1. What are the boundaries of Central Park?
2. Name two of its principal lakes.
3. How many inhabitants did it have at the last census?

Put such an examination paper before the graduating classes in public schools beyond the five-cent fare limit of the park and 10 per cent of the boys will think it. Of boys under twelve more than 50 per cent would be likely to come out ignominiously. Average up all the boys between nine and fourteen and the percentage of failures would reach about 35.

Examine the same youngsters on the Yellowstone and they would respond with alacrity. Yellowstone Park is in the geographies, but Central Park is not. Moreover, large numbers of boys in the schools of this city, especially outside of easy walking distance of the park, have never been there. The Public Schools Athletic League discovered this astonishing fact while making plans for the athletic meet which will bring ten thousand schoolboys to the park on June 8.

Gustavus T. Kirby, chairman of the meet committee, believes that the demonstration will be of great value in introducing these boys to the park, so that on future afternoons they will spend their nickels and dimes for a few healthy hours in the open instead of for candy or the "movies."

NO ALIMONY TO WIFE AT HOME

Court Refuses Assistance to Woman, Pending Separation Suit, as Long as She Continues to Live in the Same House with Her Husband.

Charlotte J. Kramer, of No. 115 East 64th street, who is suing Albert J. Kramer for a separation on the ground of cruelty, cannot get any alimony because she continues to live in the same house with him, although they never speak to and seldom see each other.

Mrs. Kramer said her husband came home early in the morning and slept in the daytime, while she left the house after sending her boy to school in the morning and did not return until Kramer had departed. When they happened to be at home at the same time, the wife said she remained in her room and locked the door, for she alleged the defendant had threatened to shoot her.

Kramer, who is a member of the family that established Atlantic Garden, in the Bowery, is an official in the company that runs a boxing club on the same property. His wife says he is worth \$500,000. To determine the amount of alimony he could afford to pay her, Mrs. Kramer got an order to examine him, but Justice Page vacated the order yesterday, refusing to allow Mrs. Kramer alimony pending the trial on the ground that she is now being supported by him.

Mrs. Kramer said that while she lived in the house with her husband, she occupied a different floor, and that he had ordered her to leave the house and threatened to lock her out. She wanted to go, but could not without money, she said.

According to the wife, Kramer has been drinking continuously since last October. She alleged that Kramer said he would "fill her with lead" and then kill himself.

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